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What is claimed is:

1. An operations center for a text delivery system wherein text is delivered to subscribers for viewing, comprising:
 - a data receiver for receiving text data;
 - a formatter, connected to the data receiver, for formatting the data received;
 - a security means, connected to the formatter, for encrypting the formatted data; and
 - an uplink, connected to the security means, for placing the encrypted data onto a video signal.
2. The operations center of claim 1 further comprising:
 - a processor, connected to the formatter and data receiver, for controlling the processing of the received data; and
 - an instruction memory, connected to the processor, for supplying instructions to the processor.
3. The operations center of claim 2 further comprising:
 - a message memory, connected to the processor, for holding messages; and
 - a text generator, connected to the processor, for generating text data to be delivered to the subscriber.

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4. The operations center of claim 1 wherein the uplink comprises an encoder.
5. The operations center of claim 1 further comprising a billing and collection system for handling subscriber transactions.
6. The operations center of claim 1 further comprising:
a combining means, connected to the processor and formatter, for combining text data prior to the data being uplinked.
7. A method for operating a center for delivering text to subscribers comprising:
receiving text data to be sent to subscribers;
formatting the text data received;
encrypting the formatted data; and
placing the encrypted data onto a video signal.
8. A system for delivering text upon request wherein the text is delivered as text data, the system comprising:
means for receiving text data;
a local file server, connected to the receiving means, for storing the received text data;
a communication system, connected to the file server, for receiving text data requests and for responding to text data requests;

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9. The system of claim 8 further comprising an operation center comprising:

- means for gathering text data from publishers;
- a master file server, connected to the gathering means, for storing text data from publishers; and
- a distribution system, connected to the receiving means, for distributing the text data at the master file to the local file server.